

Abstract

A remote data input terminal having a user interface screen in communication with a server-based lab test message computer for requesting a receiving medical patient test results is used for entering patient identification information for a medical patient test requested to be performed into the remote data input terminal, entering test identification information for identifying the medical patient test requested be performed into the remote data input terminal, labeling a test sample collected to perform the requested medical patient test with the patient identification information and the test identification information, transmitting the patient identification information and the test identification information to the lab test message processor request the medical patient tests to be performed upon the collected test sample, receiving a test result message containing test results for the requested medical patient test, and displaying the test results from the requested medical patient test on the remote data input terminal.